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McGraw's Triumph.

It is gradually coming out stronger that the work of John T. McGraw at the Parkersburg convention is very distasteful to such old leaders of the Democracy as ex-Senators Camden and Davis. The correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch emphasizes this fact by a statement that Davis, Camden and others had been urging a more conservative platform than the one that was adopted reaffirming the Chicago platform. Senator Davis wanted the language of the constitution incorporated in the platform regarding the use of both metals, and Senator Camden also expressed himself for a conservative platform.
The hopes of these men were dashed to the ground when McGraw began to dominate the convention. As the Taylor county statesman had already "saved to West Virginia a republican form of government," he was bound to round out his distinguished career by committing the West Virginia Democracy unreservedly to the man whose accredited representative he was. On the whole, McGraw is to be commended for refusing to deal in the subtleties of the Maryland and New York Democracy, who endorsed Bryan, but refused to commit themselves to what that man stands for. Even without the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform Bryan stands for Bryanism, and that is sufficient. West Virginia Democrats are pledged to him lightly enough, and McGraw's triumph will work the alienation of those who refused to swallow the doctrines of the Nebraskan in 1896.

To Take the Place of Copper.

In the current number of the Century magazine Nikola Tesla makes some startling statements in reference to the growth of the aluminum industry, in which we are told that in a short time copper is to be relegated, and even iron displaced by this new metal made from clay. In this connection it is interesting to note what a Cleveland pioneer in electric railway work says on the subject. Referring to the use of aluminum for electric trolley conductors he remarks:

At the present price of copper aluminum is far cheaper for this purpose, and owing to its increased sectional area, it offers advantages which the copper wire does not possess. The contact surface between the wheel and the wire is increased, the tensile strength is greater, and the low specific gravity of aluminum decreases the cost of poles and cross wires. I believe that a very wide field will now open for aluminum wire for this purpose. It will, of course, come into use for underground feeders as well, owing to the less cost per unit of conductivity. Commenting upon these facts the Cleveland Leader calls attention to the recent equipment of some of the elevated electric roads of Chicago with aluminum conductors, where copper was formerly used, and it is estimated that such use of aluminum effects an economy of about 30 per cent. The production of aluminum in the United States increased from 3,000 pounds in 1886 to 5,300,000 pounds for 1898, and its production is said to have been still greater in 1899. To make a comparison with copper, one pound of aluminum is as bulky as three and one-half pounds of copper. Therefore this quantity of aluminum would have equaled in bulk and displacement somewhat over 17,000,000 pounds of copper. The production of copper in the United States for the year 1898 was 535,900,232 pounds. These statistics are given by the United States geological survey. Hence the bulk of copper produced was about thirty-one times greater than the bulk of aluminum. These figures disclose that to supply the equivalent in aluminum of today the aluminum plants of this country must be increased thirty to forty fold. With larger profits on capital invested in the aluminum industry, it does not take very far-sighted vision to see that the annihilation of the copper industry is, as Tesla says, not far away. Aside from present conditions there is also a great opportunity to further cheapen the production of aluminum; not so with copper.

But Tesla tells us that aluminum, before many years have passed, is to be engaged in a fierce controversy for supremacy with iron, too, may be very largely done away with. It is probably true that there are many places where aluminum will displace iron and even wood, but until such time as our rich iron ore deposits are exhausted, this other prophecy cannot be fulfilled.

At present, then, there need be no particular alarm about aluminum taking the place of iron. The difficulties of making the former metal are set forth by the Leader, which says:
With further development the cost in the present process of making aluminum will become greatly cheapened, but

a chemical process must always be employed to purify aluminum ores in order to produce a pure metal. This is done by the use of iron ore. This purified ore is a pure compound of oxygen and aluminum and is called alumina. It requires about two pounds of alumina to produce one pound of aluminum. It is probable that in the future this alumina may become one of the number of products, or a by-product, in the intricacies of the industrial arts, thus rendering possible a further cheapening of the metal. Even with alumina cheapened, the metal aluminum is in such firm embrace with oxygen that it absorbs or requires several times as much energy in the form of heat or its equivalent, electric power, to separate a pound of iron from its ore. From this it can be seen that our sources of rich iron ore must become exhausted before the world will fall back upon aluminum as a substitute.
Were the wizard Tesla to unlock the door to stores of energy that are known to exist, and give the same to mankind without cost, then it might become possible for aluminum to be produced in the distant future cheaper than iron.

Peculiar Suit Threatened.

That is a peculiar suit which Kansas threatens to institute against Colorado for the reason, as Kansas claims, the people of Colorado are robbing the Kansans of water. The latter maintain that the Arkansas river, which flows through their state, is necessary to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that the lowering of its waters in any degree must operate as a hardship upon those who are endeavoring to raise cornstalks thirty feet high along its banks.

The Colorado people, however, appear to have an idea that so long as the Arkansas river percolates through the bounds of that state they have a right to dam it or use it in any other way they please. "With this principle in mind," says the Chicago Times-Herald, "they have been diverting its waters from their natural channel and spreading them out over broad expanses of territory for irrigating purposes, thus, as the Kansans claim, reducing the size of the river and materially lessening its usefulness. Therefore Colorado is to be sued by Kansas for the purpose of getting all of the Arkansas river that she thinks is coming to her. The case is one that ought to be closely watched, as it is likely to have an important bearing upon many ordinary affairs of life that have never as yet been submitted for judicial consideration.

Let us say that a man owns a farm in Colorado and that upon his farm there rises a stream which flows into the Arkansas river. Shall it become unlawful for him to dig a ditch for the purpose of turning the course of his stream? Can the people of Kansas induce the courts to enjoin him from using for irrigating purposes the water that rises out of his own ground or flows through it? If so, why may they not go a step farther and make it unlawful for him to permit his horses or his cattle to drink of the waters of the stream in question?

And if all this can be done, why may it not be possible for anyone to attach a pipe to a gas tank and then get the courts to enjoin the gas company from shutting off the supply? Or, to carry the matter on up, why should not any citizen, after connecting a hose with some convenient brewery, be justified in asking the courts to issue a mandatory injunction for the purpose of securing to him a full and steady flow for life?

It is to be hoped that Kansas will go on with her suit against Colorado and push it vigorously. It is fraught with principles that may be of mighty consequence to the human race.

The movement on foot to have the national Democratic headquarters located at Columbus, Ohio, shows the desperate character of the Democratic cause this year. It is claimed that the Democrats should carry the war into McKinley's state and contest every county in Ohio. It is also argued that the border states of Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia are the doubtful ones that may decide the result and that they are easily reached from Columbus. Thus we may expect another "invasion of the enemy's country," and the inglorious retreat of 1896 will be repeated.

Bryan found another opportunity of exhibiting his demagogism at Omaha during the visit of the Boer envoys, when he claimed that it was not necessary for the United States to stand aloof from the Transvaal war because England had shown us favors during the Spanish war. That is not the reason this country refused to become involved in that affair, and Mr. Bryan knows it well enough, but it suits his purpose at the present time to attempt to discredit this government on every occasion that offers him a chance to speak.

John Roll McLean was slated as one of the delegates-at-large from Ohio to Kansas City, but it has suddenly occurred to him that a trip to Europe would be much pleasanter. He has refused to allow his name to be used at the convention which meets in Columbus to-day, announcing his departure for Europe on Saturday, where he expects to remain for an indefinite period. The Enquirer's ferocious attack on the Sioux Falls convention may have something to do with McLean's flitting.

Greenbrier county Republicans have a candidate for the supreme court bench in the person of Hon. L. J. Williams, whose claims they are pushing with vigor. Mr. Williams was a Gold Democrat in 1896, but in 1898 worked for the Republican ticket, and is now in thorough sympathy with the party on all issues, protection, expansion and sound finance.

The discovery of papers by General Funston, detailing a fabled plot originating with Aguinaldo for an uprising in Manila to slay all American soldiers, again reveals some pleasing characteristics of this "Washington of the Philippines," whose virtues have been so loudly acclaimed by the anti-imperialists.

Becoming convinced that the Chinese government is in sympathy with the "Boxers" the Powers have finally taken the matter in their own hands, and are acting with vigor.

A Suggestive Sign.

A Kensington dentist, who is likewise a pillar of the church, consulted the Scriptures some time ago in search of a suitable passage to advertise his business, says the Philadelphia Record, and came across the following from the

Song of Solomon vi, 6: "Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep that go up from the washing, whereof every one bareth twins, and there is not one barren among them." This quotation he embellished on his sign, and when his pastor remonstrated with him the dentist explained that the lines were applicable as he the teeth referred to were "sheep teeth," or the first teeth that grow in a child's mouth, every one of which is succeeded by two other teeth of the second growth. The dentist is authorized by the statement that there are only two other references to teeth in the Bible.

CURIOUS WAR RELIC.

The Soldier's Scythe Still Hangs on the Tree.

Springfield Republican: Thirty-eight years ago young Augustus Bliss, of Warwick, quit cutting brush on his father's farm, hung his scythe on a pine tree and went off to war. The soldier boy never came back, and the scythe has never been taken down from the tree where he hung it, but has become imbedded in the growing pine until it is a fixture. This pathetic reminder of the great civil struggle is a familiar sight to members of the Sheomet club, of this city, as the tree stands near the club's comfortable quarters in Blissville, a hamlet just across the North Orange line into Warwick. When young Augustus Bliss left home and parents to fight his country's battles, Blissville was a busy center of small industries, traces of which remain to tell the story of the shifting of the scene of manufacturing from the small country hamlet to large centers. The tree has witnessed all these changes, has seen the mill standing near slowly falling into decay, the population changing, but still the scythe hangs there, summer and winter, as a testimonial to the devotion to duty that animated young Bliss.

His father, Milton Bliss, was engaged in building the dam standing by, and sent his son to cut some briars that were in the way of stone that were needed. After the briars were cut the scythe was hung on a small pine tree standing near, probably without a thought of how long it would remain there. In a day or two Augustus Bliss went to the front, having enlisted for a three-years' term of service in the army some time previous. The young soldier never came back. He was but eighteen years old when he enlisted August 4, 1862, in Company H, Thirty-sixth Massachusetts regiment. While with his regiment in the south he was overtaken by a fatal illness, and he died in an army hospital at Mildale, Miss. The circumstances of his contracting disease were very sad. He had gone to get water for his comrades, and his company had orders to march while he was gone. He tried to overtake them, and the overexertion was more than he could stand, and he died in a few days. He was buried in a little over a foot in diameter at its base, has been erected a railing.

In all these years no one has meddled with the scythe. It has hung there a symbol and visible reminder to his father of his son's devotion to duty. As the tree grew the scythe has become imbedded in the wood until it is a part of the tree. The snath, which has been forced off the scythe by the growing tree, is supported in its original position by a small frame-work. This wood-work of the tholes has yielded to the action of the elements and fallen away. Around the tree, which is probably a little over a foot in diameter at its base, has been erected a railing.

DON'T PLAY CARDS AT SEA.

Organized Gangs of Gamblers and Card-Sharps Now Working the Liners.

London Mail: A well-organized and dangerous gang of card sharps have recently infested the great steamships plying between the principal British ports and New York.

They travel by twos and threes, and manage to split up their organization in such a fashion that the same two or three are seldom seen in the same ship more than once or twice in the season. Their operations are confined mainly to poker playing in the smoking room, though they do not disdain to take a hand at anything that will bring in an honest penny. They invariably board the ship by which they have taken passage as total strangers to each other, and after the first six or eight hours out, and before the game goes merrily on with two from two to three verdant American and English travelers with more money than sense as victims of the professional organization.

These traveling card sharps make little effort at concealment of their business, though, as a matter of fact, they profess to be coffee merchants, cattle ranchers, iron masters, or bankers, as the case may be. The officials of the steamships are apparently powerless to put an end to their practices, and state that so long as the passengers do not complain they cannot interfere.

Here and there one sees a vigilant purser nailing up on the notice board a warning against professional card players, but this is seldom, if ever heeded. The steamship companies themselves profess to be ignorant of the proceedings on board their ships, and state that they do everything in their power to protect their passengers against robbery, but old travelers state that the evil is becoming worse, and that there is now scarcely a large ship crossing between New York and Liverpool at Southampton on which at least a brace of these precious rascals are not to be seen hard at work fleecing their fellow-passengers of their money.

Scotland Yard, too, is in a quandary, for the fact is that the police are in the center of the bodice back. It is a pretty idea, conjuring up thoughts of poetry. Lovers will be able to indite rhapsodies to their ladies "rose blooming in the desert waist."

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CRUEL DRIVER THRASHED.

Golf Girl Wished She Were a Man, But Straightway Found One.

Detroit Free Press: When an old and lonely man revises his opinion of the rising generation, conceding that it will take proper care of the world after he has gone, the hopeless cynics certainly get a hard set-back.

"The horse was doing service on a delivery wagon," he deposes. "It got tired of waiting for the driver, who was visiting the servant girl, but had not got under full headway when it was swinging from Peterborough into the avenue. I was fairly trembling because it looked as though the brute was going to run amuck on the crowded thoroughfare. But a fine-looking young woman, in what I took to be a golf suit, when she saw the horse coming started to run in the same direction, and she ran, too. When it overtook her she was right alongside, grabbed the bit, hung on, talked to the horse until he thought he had a friend, and stopped to visit her while she patted his neck and kept on talking.

"Then the driver, a big rough specimen, arrived on the scene. He never stopped to thank her, but he seized the whip, and went to drubbing the horse unmercifully. Her eyes flamed, she clenched her fists, she told him to stop at once and she threatened to report him, but his whole attention was given to the horse.
"You great big, cowardly brute," she shouted, "I wish I was a man."
"Beg pardon," interrupted the little slender chap, in a Friar Albert hounstonner, and all the rest of it, "perhaps I will do."
"She looked at him, doubtfully, and the driver told him to escape if he did not want to be pulverized. Then things occurred fast enough to fool a kinetoscope, and when the dust raised the driver was sitting on the asphalt, with his head between his hands, the hetic girl was smiling and the slim youth was taking off a split glove while apologizing to her for not being in quite his usual condition."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A baker says that dough is the knead of the hour.
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If you never beg! a task you will never finish it.
A man who looks where he steps never stumbles over obstacles.
A bright girl renders it thus: "A thing of beauty is a boy forever."

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A lady defines a gentleman as a human being combining a woman's gentleness and a man's courage.

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Probably the best way for a girl to keep her hands free from chaps is to circulate the report that she has no money.
A superstitious colored philosopher says that when a man visits a melon patch and meets a watch-dog it's a sure sign his errand will be fruitless.—Chicago News.

A Wasteless Joke.

London Globe: Instead of a safety-pin for fastening blouse to skirt, ladies this season will wear an enamel flower, so that, says a contemporary, "we are to see a dainty little blossom nestling in the center of the bodice back." It is a pretty idea, conjuring up thoughts of poetry. Lovers will be able to indite rhapsodies to their ladies "rose blooming in the desert waist."

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